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Meningitis can be a serious threat to college students

Monica Loan
Staff Writer

Staying up late, ordering pizza, sleeping through class, and meningitis can all be a part of college life.

Wait, what was the last one? That's right, meningitis.

Now, as college students all over the country are back in school, the chance of getting the potentially deadly disease increases dramatically.

Clarke, like many other colleges around the country, is trying to make students more aware of the seriousness of the disease, symptoms and ways to prevent it.

Clarke Health Center Director Julie Burgmeier knows how threatening meningitis is for college students. The center has put flyers about the disease in student mailboxes.

Burgmeier said there is an increased risk of meningitis among college students because of communal living in dorms and apartments.

She said factors such as

lack of sleep, smoky atmospheres and alcohol use can lower resistance to the disease and increase your risk of contracting it.

Burgmeier said freshmen are at a higher risk of getting meningitis because they are coming into a new environment from home.

There are two known types of meningitis: bacterial and viral. Bacterial meningitis is more serious, as one of five who contract this type will die. This type is caused by bacteria and can be treated with antibiotics.

A side affect of bacterial meningitis may include permanent brain damage.

Viral meningitis is more common and is associated with flu-like symptoms. This type is caused by a virus and there are no medications to treat it.

Fortunately for Clarke stu-

dents, the Health Center is offering a vaccine against meningitis at the immunization and flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Burgmeier is encouraging

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students to take advantage of this shot if it becomes available to prevent them from getting this disease.

A new Iowa law passed last April requires that colleges show responses from students living on campus that they received information about meningitis and indicate whether they plan to be vaccinated.

Burgmeier and the health center are asking that students take the time to fill out the form received in their mailbox saying they received the information.

She said the vaccine is effective against the three most common strands of bacterial meningitis, but not all strands.

"It's the only protection against the disease," she said. "It's very good, even though it's not complete."

Burgmeier said the shot costs \$92 and lasts for five years.

She added that if cost is a problem, shots can be charged to student accounts.

Junior Kristy Fischer decided to get the shot the summer before her freshman year.

"One of my high school classmates got meningitis and it made me realize how serious it can be," she said.

Burgmeier said the number of students who have received shots at the clinic has remained steady the last two years at 130 and 135, but she is hoping to see even more students Nov. 3.

Ways to Prevent Meningitis

1. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes.
2. Increase humidity in air, especially in sleeping areas during winter.
3. Cover ears and neck in cold, windy weather.
4. Exercise regularly.
5. Take a multi-vitamin daily.
6. Eat a balanced diet.
7. Maintain a regular sleep pattern (Try to get 7 to 8 hours of sleep a night).

Vaccine Shortage
Campus flu shots may be cutAmanda Martin
Editor

It's almost flu season, but don't rush to get pricked in the arm quite yet. There is a possibility that Clarke will not receive the usual dosage of flu vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations have been cut in half this year after a large supplier in Britain, Chiron Corp, was closed down last week due to contamination. Julie Burgmeier, director of Clarke Health Services, said there are only a few companies who produce this vaccination, and Chiron Corp was a big supplier.

It is still up in the air as to whether

Iowa and Dubuque will get their usual doses.

"If Iowa doesn't get the original amount, we will probably be asked to give up our vaccinations because we are a fairly healthy campus," said Burgmeier. "They will want to save it for the elderly and those with chronic diseases."

Although the flu is usually not a dangerous virus for young people, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that every year 110,000 Americans are hospitalized with the flu and 36,000 people, mostly elderly, die.

Most college students are healthy and would be able to get over the virus quickly; however Burgmeier still encourages students to get the vaccination if they are able. "It is important for students and anyone living in a communal environment, because the virus is so easily spread through coughing and sneezing," she said.

Health Services is scheduled to administer flu shots on Nov. 3, but this is not certain as of right now. Health Services should know soon and will let the campus know.

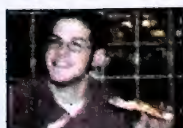


Julie Burgmeier, Director of Health Services, encourages students to get meningitis and flu shots.

Photo by Jenni Christopher

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Incorrect info leads to 'Rather' disturbing trends

Tony Frenzel
Opinion Editor

Being a journalist is a tricky thing. No matter how accurate and faithful one is to the truth, in the back of the mind there is always that nagging feeling that something might have been missed. Add to that the fact that most high-level journalism is on a national stage and, therefore, open to national (even international) scrutiny, and one can understand why Dan Rather must be living a true nightmare right now.

The 72-year-old, 42-year network veteran has been known for quality reporting for longer than most Clarke students have been alive. Now, suddenly, his credibility has been thrown to the wind and no one, especially not him, knows where it might land. On the weekly CBS news program "60 Minutes," Rather presented a document that would have proven George W. Bush had not completed his National Guard service during the Vietnam War era. Not long after, it was discovered that the document was falsified and Rather was put in the unenviable position of apologizing to the nation.

I can't help but be slightly conflicted on this subject. Nobody can be correct 100 percent of the time, yet at the same time I feel that journalists should be held to a higher standard. It is often said that the media doesn't tell the public what to think, but what to think about. This may be true, but in doing so we are setting agendas and influencing people's outlooks on the world, especially during election time, an imposing duty no matter what one may be doing.

This brings us, boys and girls, to the real question: is this faux pas worth forcing Rather to retire, losing a job he loves and

is obviously still capable of doing? He did appear on national television to rescind his assertions. Is it enough? According to much of the conservative media and some of the liberal media it is not. Already highly public figures have begun to move against him: Rather season is open.

I feel Rather should have to answer for his mistake; he is a journalist and that implies a certain amount of integrity, but the price should not be his career. Admittedly, the authenticity of the document should have been checked in greater detail, however in this age of exclusives and up-to-the-minute coverage it is impossible to catch everything. One mistake should not weigh more heavily than a whole career of good work.

This debacle will definitely have some far-reaching effects on the national media and how it is perceived by the public, especially if Rather ends up losing his anchor seat.

Already, public opinion has started to sway toward distrusting the media, and this isn't even taking into account the other scandals that have happened throughout the years. Unfortunately, the media has been and always will be plagued by scandal ranging from the ever-popular paparazzi to a



Photo Illustration by Tony Frenzel
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reporter inventing information sources (sometimes even whole companies).

CBS has swiftly implemented damage control, bringing in high profile outsiders to hopefully sweep this whole mess under the rug. Ed Bradley, another "60 Minutes" regular, has already had an exclusive story denied to the airwaves. He supposedly had found links to a White House cover-up involving Iraqi procurement of uranium from Niger. The official network line is that it would be "inappropriate" to air this information so close to election time.

This is the core of the problem: the shackles of fear and paranoia that may soon prevent the in-depth reporting crucial to keeping this nation informed. Traditionally, the media has served as a "watchdog" for illegal and immoral activities perpetrated by those at the top of our social and economic "heap." This

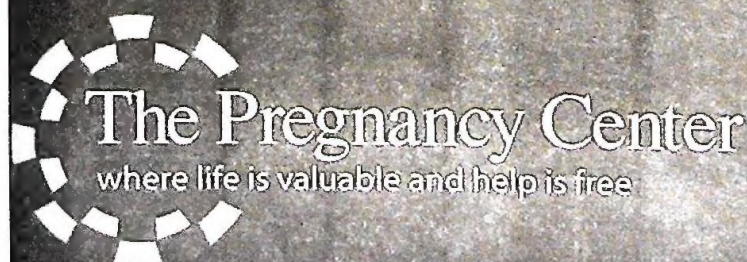
role could easily fall victim to worries over career loss, crippling one of the most important functions of news reporting. Even if there are still journalists willing to take the risk, will the large networks take the risk that is necessary to disseminate the information?

Another thing that bothers me: The comparison between Rather's falsity and Bush's falsity. When it was discovered that there was a distinct lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, there was public outcry, but not to the extreme that this Rather-hunting has gone. Bush's "mistake" has cost American lives, money, and prestige while Rather's has cost nothing but credibility. He publicly apologized (something Bush will never do), what else can we ask of him?

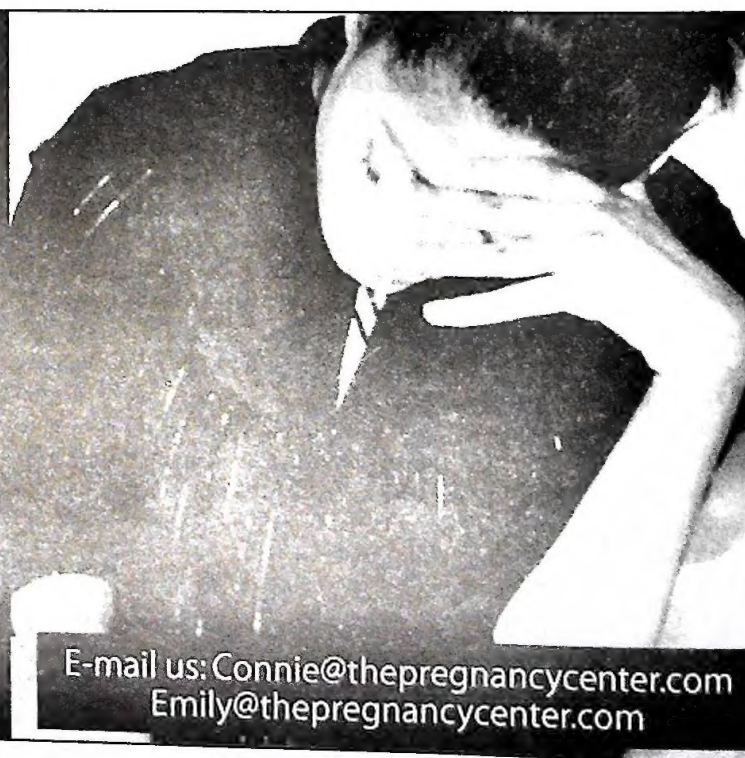
Editor's Note: When a random sampling of students was asked whether the Dan Rather scandal had affected their view of the media, not a single one knew anything about what had happened.

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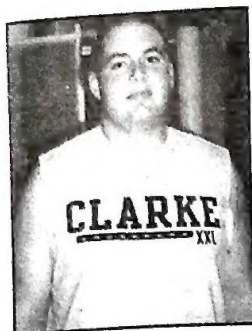
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The debate rages...

Republicans vs. Democrats

Editor's Note: We asked a student representative from each party to answer the question, "What does your candidate have to offer students."



Greg Deutmeyer,
Vice-President of the
Clarke Republicans
Photo by Alissa Beck

Republicans believe President George W. Bush is the right man for the next four years.

After 9-11 the world changed, and we engaged in a GLOBAL war on terror. This war is not just against Osama Bin Laden, but anyone who harbors terrorists. President Bush understands this, and that's why he took preemptive action toward Iraq. Since the end of Desert Storm Saddam Hussein has broken 16 UN resolutions. Throughout the '90s Saddam

was firing at our pilots flying over Iraq's Northern and Southern no-fly zones. Saddam also paid the families of suicide bombers \$25,000 to carry out attacks on Israel. The policy of containment was not working with Saddam, and in a post 9-11 world, he was too dangerous to be left alone.

President Bush has stated there is no need for a draft, and those proposing the idea in Congress are Democrats. Bush didn't lie about Iraq; the whole world believed Saddam had WMDs: Clinton, Kerry, Edwards, the French, the Germans, the British and the Russians. It would have been irrespon-

sible for the president not to take action with the knowledge he had.

We have heard in the paper that our ideas are racist, sexist and homophobic. This couldn't be further from the truth; in fact Republicans have led the way in the Civil Rights movement. The 13th amendment abolishing slavery was supported by every Republican, while only 23 percent of Democrats supported the amendment. The 14th amendment, which deals with civil rights, didn't have the support of one Democrat. Over the years minorities have seen the Democrats as being for them, yet their record shows the exact opposite.

President Bush believes in improving education. Three days after taking office he submitted the No Child Left Behind Act, and increased funding for grades K-12 49 percent. He also wants to make it easier for people to attend college with a 25.9 billion dollar increase in financial aid, as well as 12.9 billion dollars invested in Pell Grants. With four more years,

With four more years, President Bush will continue to better our schools.

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Republicans

take a conservative view on politics and life. We believe that the American people spend their own money better than politicians in Washington, therefore; lower taxes and smaller government. We believe that every person deserves a shot in life, and we believe in helping people out, but we also believe people need to work hard at life. Republicans give handups rather than handouts. You can teach a man to fish, and he will eat forever. Or you can give a man a fish, and he will eat for the day. We believe we should teach the man to fish.

Do you receive the Iowa Private Tuition Grant? Or are you from out-of-state and don't receive any state assistance like that? Well no matter if you are from Iowa or from any other state, the Iowa Private Tuition Grant should be on your list of concerns for this election year. The grant gives students with an EFC lower than \$9,000 some state funding to attend a private school here in Iowa. You must be a resident of Iowa to receive this grant. How does this affect out-of-state students?

Here is a simple formula to explain it: More students = more money for Clarke. More money for Clarke = no need to raise tuition.

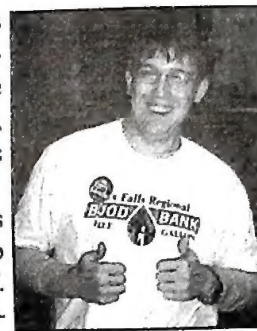
The Republican Party in Iowa actually hates the Iowa Private Tuition Grant. Republican legislators have worked very hard at cutting the grant

down to nothing and will work even harder this next legislative session to completely trash the grant. I have spoken with future Speaker of the State House Pat Murphy of Dubuque. He told me that the Iowa Private Tuition Grant will not be harmed under a Democratic legislature.

I have worked very hard on speaking with individuals, from Congressional candidates to State House leaders to the governor himself. I have heard the same thing from all of them. I have even looked up the records on the state of Iowa's Web site which is open to anyone to view (<http://www.iowa.gov>). The Republicans in this state want to trash the grant. They don't care about us stu-

dents. As far as they are concerned, we are not big business, so who cares what we think?

This view goes all the way to Bush himself. In his 2000 candidacy, Bush promised to raise the Pell Grant and other financial aid for students at the federal level. He is the first president to ever freeze the Pell Grant and has slashed spending on scholarships and grants. There is no



Nathan Monson,
Event Coordinator of the
Clarke Democrats
Photo by Alissa Beck

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defending this. It is the truth. A vote for Bush is a vote against yourself.

Someone once told me this quote, and I have changed it a little to apply it to students: "A student who votes for a Republican is like a chicken voting for Col. Sanders."

I do not have enough room to put John Kerry's plan, but go to <http://www.johnkerry.com> and look it all up. Look up their plans and do not listen to the hate machine of the Republican Party.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to make sure that I clear up a few things first and foremost. I did not resign as President of the College Democrats because of being forced to or any weird conspiracy theory. I did it because I have been working very hard with the Clarke Student Association. My primary goal is to work with other private schools in the state of Iowa, throughout the Midwest, and the entire country in ensuring more federal and state money is put towards scholarships and grants for students. I have been gathering ideas from several schools from William & Mary in Virginia to Mt. Marty in Yankton, South Dakota, and from New York University to UCLA. My goal is to provide Clarke with the best possible leadership and concentration to help all students out.

Now I have to respond to Adrienne Weispfenning's letter to the editor (Sept. 30). I am not against a Republican group starting, but I am against what the different Republican groups on other campuses have stood for. I asked the College Republican leadership to step in and demand the national Republican Party stop these disgusting acts. The College Republican leadership has not even responded or they have denied those acts have ever happened!

This is by no means an attack personally, or on the group itself.

Sincerely,
Nate Monson

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Here comes the story of the hurricane...

Hurricane season hits home for Clarke student

Hiraman Byrd
Staff Writer

Can you imagine waking up in the morning and seeing a Burger King sign and your neighbor's underwear lying in your front lawn? Or maybe not seeing your family or friends any more because of one hurricane?

"Why us?" seems to be the best words to express the feeling of people in Florida after the recent hurricanes.

A hurricane is a severe tropical storm that forms in the South Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico or eastern Pacific Ocean. Hurricanes need warm tropical ocean, moisture and light winds above them. If the right conditions last long enough, a hurricane can produce violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains and floods that will rotate counter-clockwise around an eye at least 74 miles per hour.

There are many people who can tell you how the recent hurricanes have affected their family or life. Clarke junior Nate Sellers, of Pensacola, Fla., describes his experience. "It was detrimental to my city even though only minor damages happened (fence, shed and mailbox blew away)," he said. "I thank the man upstairs that nobody in my family was hurt."

Sellers also shared some of the good in hurricanes: the weather can be exciting because you get out of school for a while, and you can sleep and play video games until the lights go off. "That's when you'd best have a generator or you're in trouble."

This was the first time in Florida's history that four hurricanes hit in the same year. The most before that was in 1964

when three hurricanes hit. The three most intense hurricanes in the United States were an unnamed one in the Florida Keys in 1935, Camille in 1969, and Andrew of 1992. All were category 5.

"My most memorable hurricane has to be Hurricane Erin which happened in 1994," Sellers said. "I got a chance to

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see strong horizontal rain and winds. My advice to those who never experienced a hurricane is to take the proper precaution such as: stock up on canned goods, water, and gasoline, fill your bath tub up with water for future drinking and lastly always eat what you have in the refrigerator first so it won't go bad."

Hurricanes are broken down into names and categories.

Many of the names originally came from Christian feast days, then they were named after women, and now they are named after women and men. The name process started because names are quicker and less subject to error than older, more cumbersome latitude-longitude identification.

The categories are broken down on a scale of 1-5, which started from the Staffed Scale that based hurricanes on the amount of intensity it has. If a hurricane is a category 1 or 2, very little damage (shrubby, signs and damage to mobile homes) is expected and people need to evacuate the beach. Categories 3, 4 and 5 can get really "ugly" with winds ranging from 111 miles per hour to greater than 155 miles per hour; usually massive evacuation is required, particularly in category 5 storms.

My science teacher once told me, "Even with all the names, categories, experience gained, lives we lose, and the thrills of hurricanes happening there is nothing that we as humans can do because hurricanes are a part of Mother Nature and we either have to accept that it comes with the territory or we have to leave."



Junior Nate Sellers from Florida has been personally affected by recent hurricanes. Photo by Carrie Fleckenstein

BREAKDOWN: The issues. Their positions. Your vote.

Tim Brechlin
Copy Editor

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental duties we have as citizens of this country. As the 2004 Presidential campaign enters its final month, it becomes more essential than ever to become an informed voter and to make the right choice according to your own beliefs. But in the onslaught of television advertisements, bumper stickers and campaign speeches, it is easy to lose track of where the candidates stand on the big issues. We at the "Courier" decided to provide a simple breakdown of the candidates' positions on the major issues facing college-age Americans today. The following information was obtained from the candidates' official Web sites as well as CNN.com.

Civil rights—Incumbent President George W. Bush has both opposed and supported Affirmative Action, supports a constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage, opposes gay adoptions, and opposes expanding federal hate crimes legislation to include sexual orientation. Senator John Kerry supports Affirmative Action, opposes gay marriage but supports what he calls "equal rights" for gay couples, supports gay adoptions, and wants to expand federal hate crimes legislation.

Defense — Bush seeks to increase military spending to \$380 billion, including funding for building a national missile defense system. Kerry has opposed such a defense system. Both men have openly supported worldwide arms control and non-proliferation of weapons of mass

destruction. Bush continues to stay the course regarding the war in Iraq, with no official timetable for withdrawal of American forces. Kerry initially voted for the war in Iraq but now vehemently opposes it, stating that President Bush chose "the wrong way" to disarm former dictator Saddam Hussein. Neither candidate supports a military draft.

Draft?
Defense?

Photo illustration by Tim Brechlin;
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WHERE DO THEY STAND?

Social issues — Bush opposes abortion in cases except those of rape, incest, or to save a woman's life. He supports the death penalty. Though he signed the No Child Left Behind education reform act,

the federal budget has not fully funded it. Kerry supports abortion rights and opposes the death penalty. He supports fully funding the NCLB act.

The economy — Bush says his earlier tax cuts have boosted the economy and supported job creation; he plans to reduce

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the budget deficit (which recently reached a record \$422 billion) by holding spending increases to 4 percent. Bush also supports investing some Social Security funds in the stock market. Kerry firmly opposes any privatization of Social Security and seeks to roll back some of Bush's tax cuts (specifically the ones benefiting wealthy families), and he says he will reverse the deficit trend by cutting spending and fixing loopholes that benefit corporations.

Homeland security — Bush has supported the labeling of some U.S. citizens

as "enemy combatants," making it easier for the government to detain terrorism suspects. He supports the renewal of the Patriot Act, a sometimes-controversial measure that has expanded law enforcement agencies' boundaries with regard to privacy. He supports the Department of Homeland Security as the primary source of threat information. Kerry opposes the labeling of citizens as "enemy combatants" and also opposes the renewal of the Patriot Act. He supports reforming our country's domestic intelligence operations.

Healthcare — Both candidates support the lowering of prescription drug costs as well as reforming some aspects of the nation's healthcare system. Bush seeks to

expand tax credits for low-income families who purchase health insurance. Kerry proposes allowing citizens to buy into the insurance plan offered to federal employees, funding the measure by rolling back tax cuts.

More information can be found on the candidates' Web sites:

<http://www.georgewbush.com> and
<http://www.johnkerry.com>.

Election Day is Nov. 2. Time to make a decision.

Get the door: the pizza guy's here

Kerry Sivia
Staff Writer

Clarke students, like many college students across the country, love their pizza. According to Matt Ricketts, director of Food Services, Clarke makes 10-15 pizzas a day in the Crusader Cafe depending on the day's business.

According to Ricketts there is a reason students choose pizza over other foods. "They grew up with it and there is such a variety, you can get any kind," he said.

Students who choose not to eat pizza from the school often order from Papa John's or Domino's because of inexpensive specials.

However, students also have another option. Ricketts said Clarke tries to stay competitive with the big pizza vendors in the area. Sports teams as well as individual students can special order a pizza from the Crusader Cafe.

Students can order a variety of toppings on their pizza. "Someone ordered sauerkraut and Canadian

aversion to hamburgers," said Otters regarding her preference of pizza over fast food.



Freshman Anthony Zeimet chows down in the Crusader Cafe.

Photo by Alissa Beck

bacon," said Al Sutton of the Crusader Cafe. He said he was not sure how the sauerkraut would go over and convinced them to order a different topping.

Julie Otters, sophomore, says she eats pizza three to four times weekly. Otters said when she orders her pizza out, it's normally from Papa John's.

"For a while I had a taste

Junior Nate Sellers is also a pizza lover. He said he normally orders out for pizza once a week but last year he ate it at least twice a week. Sellers said he usually orders his pizza from Papa John's because of their garlic sauce.

"It's just...pizza. It's good," said Sellers.

Both Papa John's and Domino's said they

believe the reason they are popular among students is because of their good deals.

At Domino's a student can order the Couch Potato special and get a large one-topping pizza for \$6.99.

Domino's management said one-third of their customers are college students. Domino's said they average about five deliveries to Clarke on weeknights and on weekends they make about 10 deliveries per night.

Management at Papa John's said college students represent 35 percent of their customers. They make about five to 10 deliveries to Clarke on weeknights and about 15 deliveries per night to Clarke on weekends. The best-selling specialty pizza at Papa John's is the Works, which can be purchased for \$16.04.

Hold the elevator

Emily Wilgenbusch
Staff Writer

The United States of America: to most countries we are known as strong, independent, and now lazy. Face it, we Americans are lazy, so why should Clarke be any different? When I look around campus, I see all the little changes that make things easier for us.

For one, adding a sidewalk diagonally to Mary Ben, because walking the extra 12 steps on the actual sidewalk would kill us. Same with the sidewalk on the way to the SAC: come on, people, a couple of stairs won't hurt. (Hey you, yeah you, you could use a couple of stairs if you know what I mean).

For those healthy people who think they can get away with using the elevator for one floor, think again. People are sick of it. You are wasting our time, especially when the reason you use the elevator is because you're out of shape. Get your butt to the PAC and do the stair climber; it'll be good for you, unless those stairs will be a little too much for you.

"It drives me nuts when people use the elevator for only one floor," said senior Lacey Wood. "It's pretty ridiculous."

Now speaking of ridiculous, has anyone else noticed the backpack on wheels? I mean really, what's the point? You might be preventing back pains later, but you're getting in my way now. Before we know it, Clarke will be known as CCIA, Clarke College International Airport.

But you know what tops them all off is when I see someone go to work out but they drive their vehicle to the SAC. Sound a little familiar, Dan Wendler? Are you really that lazy?

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The freshman who ran for School Board

Jenni Christopher
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 14 Clarke freshman Adam Mennig proved that students aren't always uninformed when it comes to local politics. Mennig, a history and secondary education major, was one of four candidates running for the Dubuque School Board.

After an interview with Mennig I could tell that he is savvy on politics as well as a very motivated young man.

As if he weren't busy enough keeping up with the class load of that infamous first semester of freshman year and running for an election, Mennig is also a member of the Clarke men's soccer team. So how did he get interested in running for School Board?

"I saw in the 'Telegraph Herald' that there was still one opening for the election," said Mennig. "I thought it would be a good idea to have a younger voice on the board, because I feel that everyone should be represented."

"I think that students sometimes have

more of a view of what actually goes on in a school. It's one thing to sit in on a school or take a tour through it, but it's another thing to actually go to class everyday and know first hand what is going on."

Mennig's personal views on the Dubuque School Board are nothing but positive.

"Overall, I think that the district is run very well, and the test scores have been great," he said. "I like the fact that they're expanding the school system by building a new middle school because I really believe in the idea of a smaller class size."

The other three candidates in the election were Doug Horstmann, Larry Loeppke and Darren White. Horstmann and Loeppke were the winners, but 18-year old Mennig had a strong showing with 1,277 votes.

"I see the election results as a positive, because it proves that people want to see

the representation of a younger voice on the board," said Mennig.

So after this year's election, will we see his name on a ballot in the near future? "Next year," Mennig said. "I would like to get involved in several different committees within the district and hopefully this will help me to meet more people and

get a chance to get out in the community."

Personally, I would like to say congratulations to you, Adam. The Clarke community is very proud of you and we wish you the best of luck on your future political endeavors.



Adam Mennig, third from left, made strong showing in recent School Board election.

UNITY shifts emphasis to social activities

Mishereen Ellis
Staff Writer

We are all connected by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in the same spirit, and intent on one purpose... to educate and promote diversity." This is what every UNITY member sported on the back of their 2003-2004 UNITY shirts last year.

UNITY was founded in the fall of 1996 and was formed from two previous organizations, C.I.O and C.S.M.O.

C.I.O was the Clarke International Organization which was associated basically with international students. C.S.M.O was the Clarke Student Multicultural Organization which was associated with all nationalities, but often thought to be associated with only minorities. "UNITY" stands for "Unified Nationalities Involved to Teach the Youth."

"The focus has gone a little bit away from some of the educational aspects and into some of the more social aspects," said Cammie Dean, director of Multicultural Student Services and advisor of UNITY.

"But I think it's a positive move. I think the campus needs to have social activities that have a diverse twist."

The purpose of UNITY is to promote diversity at Clarke and throughout the world. By becoming a member of UNITY,

include the Ebony Ball, Hispanic Dinner, Hip Hop/R&B dance, winter pajama jam, ethnic dinners, poetry slam, and a Mall of America trip.

"We try to interact with people on-campus as well off-campus; most of the money we make we

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"Being a member of UNITY has been an enjoyable experience. I think there's even more that can be done," said UNITY member Audrey Swanson. "However, it has been

a great way of getting involved with my peers and the community."

UNITY is always welcoming new members to join and it's open to anyone and everyone, Dean said.

"I would like to see more diversity, but I think that requires a shift in perceptions of the campus as a whole," she added.

"Just because there is a large group of minority students together, that doesn't mean that no one else is welcome, and that's something that the whole campus has to work on. And, I

think that UNITY as a small group can change that on its own."

Meetings are held every other Sunday at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 16 in the Mary Jo Formal Lounge. UNITY's first dance of the year will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Atrium Conference Room and a dating auction will follow on Sunday, Oct. 24 in the SAC. Times for these events will be announced at a later date.



Members of UNITY discuss their upcoming events to promote diversity.

Photo by Brianne Malloy

one can enhance leadership, communication and critical thinking skills.

Some of the activities that UNITY is planning for 2004-05

try to donate either back to the community or back to the school," said Claudyse Jenkins, president of UNITY. "Thus we're making community serv-

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Where'd you get that purse? Is that a Prada?

I hope those of you who attempted the cigar box purse heard exclamations such as those once people saw your creation!

This new purse design is a little more complicated than the cigar box, but it will produce equally impressive results! Good luck and read again next time to learn how to create some great Halloween treats!

Directions:

Begin by choosing two different fabrics: One for lining and one for the outside.

*I chose the blue polka dot for the outside and the pink for the inside (1).

Cut the pieces into the size you'd like. I chose to have my bag rectangular. So I cut the two outside pieces and two liner pieces 12 x 10".

Then make a sandwich with the pieces of fabric. The two outside pieces together in the middle-good sides facing each other (so the backside facing the liners), and then the liners on the outside (like the bread of the sandwich) (2).

Sew along three of the edges (leaving the top open).

Iron along the edges to make smoother creases (3).

Flip the back right side out (4).

Now you need to prepare the bag to attach the handles. Now that the bag is right side out, take the unsewn end and fold the lining towards the outside and fold the outside one towards the lining. Fold each about half an inch down and then iron in the crease.

Then pin around the bag so that the new folded section stays in place (5).

Now make four pieces of the same size for handles (Two liners and two outsides). My handles were 3 X 17".

Place one liner and one outside inside out and sew along the three edges. Iron the edges and

fold this right side out.

Repeat for the other handle.

Once the handles are facing the correct way, pin them into the bag. They will go in-between the lining and the outside (6).

Once pinned in place, sew around the top of the bag. This will secure the handles in place and finish off the fourth side of the bag.

The final step is to add the accessories. I chose an iron-on patch. I followed the directions on the

patch and it took about one minute to secure (7).

The whole project takes about an hour, depending on your sewing skills, and costs less than \$5.

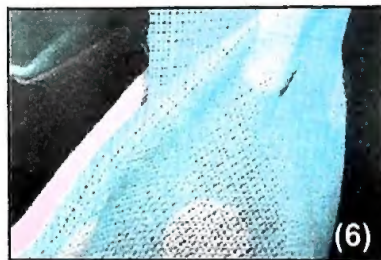
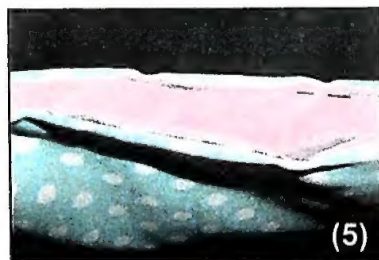
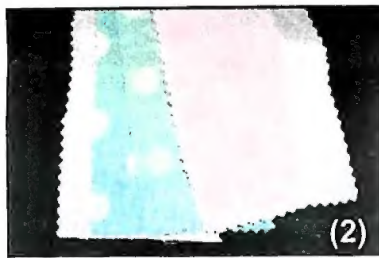
Quick Tip:

If you don't want to spend money for jewelry cleaner, you can make your own for silver jewelry at home. All you need is an aluminum pie tray, table salt, hot water and water softener.

Put a little table salt, a small amount of water softener (found in the laundry section) and hot water in the aluminum pie tray. Stir it well to dissolve. Then, all you need to do is submerge the jewelry, take it out and rinse it in water. Make sure that you clean only silver jewelry in this mixture and do not use this when cleaning jewelry that contains stones.



Photos
by Alissa Beck



Ben, Jo and Fran

Jenny Domine
Staff Writer



review

First fall show a big success



Hero Matt Franta and villain Kevin Krein fight over Ms. Melody Lane in Clarke's drama production "Curse of an Aching Heart."

Omar Sinno
Web Editor

Clarke's drama department production of "The Curse of an Aching Heart" took the audience back to the Old West in a humorous and interactive setting. The play was a great success with Clarke students.

"It was very well done," said senior Loren Heber. "I think it would rank up with a Broadway play."

"The actors fit well with the characters and I liked how it ended," said senior Joe Ausmann.

The play starts with the rumbling snoring of Hiram Abernathy and the screaming of Mrs. Sarah Abernathy, played by freshman Colin Muenster and senior Kat Hermes. The Abernathys are living on a ranch and struggling to pay off their mortgage. Then an evil, cunning and wealthy man named Windermere Hightower, played by senior Kevin Krein, comes to them with an offer on how to become rich, but later robs the family of their money and ranch.

There are several other characters who appear throughout the play but the two most notable are a woman with the "curse of an aching heart," Melody Lane (sophomore



Red Wing (Brigid Kelly) warns of future problems to the Abernathys, Kat Hermes and Colin Muenster. Photos from Clarke College Public Relations Office

Melissa Dahle), who falls in love with a character named Lucius Goodenough, played by senior Matt Franta. Lane and Goodenough meet at the Abernathys' ranch.

Later in the play, Goodenough tries to save Lane and the Abernathys from the evil villain. Additionally, the play has unexpected twists in the plot and surprising character relationships.

The play kept the attention of the audience through humor and encouraging interaction. Hissing and booing could be heard whenever the villain Hightower froze time in the play to talk to the audience about his evil plans. Laughter also filled the theatre many times throughout the play.

The rest of the cast consisted of senior Justin Blomquist, freshman Brigid Kelly, junior April Schuller, junior Jenny Domine, junior Lauren Kapolnek and sophomore Mike Link. The play was directed by Carol Blitgen, costumes were by Robert Neumann and scenery and mechanical effects by Ellen Gabrielleschi.

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Jenny Domine
Staff Writer

"Operation Mind Crime" by Queensryche
- Damon Carr, senior art major

"Half past Four" by Nothing in Return
- Lauren Kapolnek, junior theatre major

"Elton John's Greatest Hits"
- Kirk Nigro, education faculty

"India Ragas" and "Handel: Coronation Anthems"
- Fran Vogt, music faculty

"Trouble" by Akon
-BJ Miller, sophomore athletic training major





CURVEBALL

Baseball and drug testing: End the embarrassment

Tim Brechlin
Copy Editor

In light of the sudden passing of former National League MVP Ken Caminiti, baseball fans now have one overwhelming responsibility. It is now long past time that we demand a comprehensive drug-testing policy to replace the miserable joke of a policy that exists today.

I am not defending Caminiti or attempting to make him into a fallen angel. He was an admitted steroid user and a cocaine addict. He was a cheater, one of the many responsible for further damaging the integrity of a game that already has lost far too much honor in the past twenty years (Pete Rose, take a bow). But as much as Caminiti was responsible for his demons, he was also a victim.

Illegal recreational drugs have long been a part of the culture of baseball. Amphetamines, commonly known as "greenies" or "uppers," are a common part of pre-game preparation for many players (a tradition first made public by Jim Bouton's 1970 classic book "Ball Four"). Oftentimes, a player will finish a game still dealing with the effects and will turn to a downer like alcohol, beginning a vicious cycle of substance abuse.

The grueling 162-game schedule and travel cycles (in what other job can you play a game in Montreal until 1 a.m. and play in Chicago at 1 p.m. the next day?) don't help. And the offensive explosion of the 1990s, in which home runs and power statistics became the focus of the game, only served to increase the pressure on players to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Until the start of the 2003 season, Major League Baseball had no drug testing policy of any sort. The players' union, led by chief negotiator Donald Fehr, had always opposed drug testing on the basis of protecting privacy. But in the face of intense pressure from Congress and the general public, the union wilted, agreeing to a weak, toothless policy that is an utter embarrassment to baseball.

Consider this: for a first offense of

baseball's drug policy, a player must attend counseling. There is no suspension, no fine, and no public identification. For a second offense, a player can receive a fine of up to \$10,000 or up to a 15-day suspension (note the "up to"), up to a \$25,000 fine or 25-day suspension for a third offense, \$50,000 or 50-day suspension for a fourth offense, with a fifth positive test bringing with it a maximum \$100,000 penalty or up to a one-year suspension. Furthermore, that fifth positive test would take a minimum of two and a half years to come about, since players can be tested only once before the season and once randomly during the season.

This policy is patently absurd, particularly when compared to a stringent policy like the National Football League's, in which a player is suspended for four games on the first positive test, six games following a second positive, and at least an entire year following a third.

Many baseball players have come forward in recent months and stated their support for a comprehensive testing program with real teeth behind it. But Donald Fehr says he will not poll his players on the subject of more stringent testing, instead preferring to let the subject linger until the next collective bargaining negotiations in 2006.

Ponder that for a moment. The chief of the players' union says he would rather use drug testing as a bargaining chip two years from now instead of addressing a cancer that is a clear and present danger to the game today. Players' lives are now taking a backseat to money.

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler died in 2003 from complications arising from his use of ephedra, a drug now banned by the Food & Drug Administration. Ken Caminiti died this past Sunday. How many lives must be lost before the baseball world wakes up?



The Clarke women's tennis team. Front: Mirelis Rivera and Nikki Flynn. Back: Jenny Martin, Trish LoVerde, Jolene Gruenke, Mary Stewart, Shelly Flynn and Amanda Smith.

Photo by Jenni Christopher

Clarke women's tennis takes NIIC tournament for 8th straight year

Jenni Christopher
Staff Writer

The Clarke women's tennis team was back at it this year with a strong showing in the NIIC tournament as they clinched the title for the eighth year in a row. The only other team to do this in the history of the tournament was Concordia from 1982-1989.

Watching the girls win the tournament made me feel very proud that I had the opportunity to play for this wonderful program for four years. However, it was very hard to be on the other side of the fence as a spectator rather than being able to feel the joy of victory as a player.

Aurora was the host of this year's tournament on Oct. 1 and 2.

Clarke came out on top with singles wins from number two, Shelly Flynn, number four, Nikki Flynn and number five, Trish LoVerde. The women's team also clinched

doubles titles from Mary Stewart and Shelly Flynn at number one and Mirelis Rivera and Nikki Flynn at number two.

Shelly Flynn comments that she knew the girls had the tournament clinched when her sister, Nikki, and Trish LoVerde won their singles' bracket. "Before going into the tournament, I knew that it would be difficult to repeat since we lost our two top players from last year. However, I was con-

I was confident after we had a couple of newcomers that really helped us out.

fidant after we had a couple of newcomers that really helped us out," said

Flynn. Flynn had an impressive upset after being seeded number three and defeating two competitors that had beat her in the regular season.

It was really fun to watch her dominate on the court and I know that she was very motivated to win the number two singles title.

Clarke Sports Update

Clarke College junior volleyball player Amber Naumann, of Hanover, Ill., was named to The Franciscan University of the Prairies Volleyball Classic All-Tournament team this past weekend.

Melissa Mennig, of Dubuque, was named the Northern Illinois - Iowa Conference (NIIC) Women's Soccer Player of the Week for the second time this year.

The men's and women's cross country teams will compete in the Loras College Dr. Robert Tucker Invitational on Saturday. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Dubuque Soccer Complex.

Are you ready for some football?

Ryan Dillon
Sports Reporter

If you have trouble telling your old high school buddies that you don't have a football team at your college, don't feel bad because we all have the same problem. If you look at Clarke's history, you might understand why Clarke does not have a football team.

Clarke was an all-women's college until the spring of 1979 when it became co-educational, admitting men into the full-time undergraduate program. It was not until 1983 that Clarke developed its first men's soccer athletic team.

"We don't have a football team because Clarke really has not confronted that problem," said Curt Long, Clarke athletic director.

"There are ups and downs in Clarke having a football team," he noted.

Long spoke of the positives that might come from a Clarke football team such as increased enrollment and increased school spirit during homecoming and other school events.

However with all the positives that might come from having a football team, negatives play an important factor. Starting the program would be a huge financial

expense for Clarke. Costs include hiring a coaching staff, building facilities, buying expensive equipment and renovating the soccer field so it could host football games.

Football may be in the future of Clarke but it would take a major effort to start the program and may not happen during any of our years at Clarke.



Positives that might come from a Clarke football team include increased enrollment and increased school spirit.

Do you think Clarke should have a football team?

Joe Buettner, junior

"Yes, because it would help improve our athletics and the facilities at Clarke."

Francisco Ramos, senior

"No, if the futbol (soccer) can't win neither can a football team."

Kyle Wenzelman, junior

"Yes, because it would raise Clarke's status as a college and improve the recruiting of students."

Chris Shepeck, senior

"No, the insurance cost is very high, which would put the college at a huge risk."

Julie Bahl, junior

"Yes, because we would have more student involvement and school pride."

Ashley Black, junior

"Yes, it would be a really good idea. It would be hard to get it going but would be really good for the college."



Mirelis Rivera awaits the arrival of a serve in the NIIC championship meet.
Photo by Jenni Christopher



Drew Larson watches his shot in a recent meet for the Clarke men's golf squad.
Photo by Jenni Christopher



Ashley Zaehring takes a shot at the green to help the Crusader women's golf team bring their season to a close.
Photo by Jenni Christopher

Sports Wrap-Up

Shannon Singesank
Sports Editor

Women's Tennis

Clarke college Tennis Coach Rick Arrington led the Crusader women's tennis team to its eighth straight Northern Illinois - Iowa Conference Title. Clarke finished with 34 points, taking three singles titles and adding a pair of doubles for the NIIC championships. Clarke picked up singles championships from Shelly Flynn, Nikki Flynn and Patricia LoVerde. Shelly Flynn and Mary Stewart paired up to win the number one doubles championship, while Nikki Flynn and Mirelis Rivera took the number two doubles title.

"We went in as a young team losing valuable seniors, but we worked hard throughout the season to achieve our goal of the conference title," said junior Jolene Gruenke.

Women's Golf

Coach Casey Kohr lead the Clarke women's golf team through an outstanding season with returning seniors Elizabeth Noonan and Jennifer Thein, sophomore Lacey McCabe and freshmen Ashley Zaehring and Bailey Meyer. The team consistently improved over its season, ending with a new Clarke women's golf record, a low score of 384.

Men's Golf

The Crusader men's golf team has also put an end to its fall season, looking forward to their conference season in the spring. The Crusaders had an exceptional season with an eighth place win in their own Clarke College Oktoberfest Invitational.

on other campuses

Amanda Martin
Editor

PAID TO DATE Raleigh, N.C. - Students at North Carolina State University can now find love on the Internet and get paid to do it. WWW.CampusFlirts.com, created in 2003, was just re-launched with a new marketing emphasis: "Where it Pays to Date." New registered users will get \$5 credited to their account just for posting a free profile. CampusFlirts.com users will be able to get real cash via PayPal (a company owned by eBay) once their account reaches \$20, in addition to getting \$2 for every person they refer to the site who creates a free profile.

"A lot of college students' relationships are enhanced online," Mason said. "They talk for hours with their friends over instant messengers, look at movie reviews on Yahoo, and get directions for a road trip. Why not look for a date?"

POLE DANCERS WANTED Jacksonville, Fla. - Three male Jacksonville University students have been punished for installing a stripper pole in an on-campus apartment and taking pictures as clothed female students performed at a party. About a dozen women competed for a \$100 Victoria's Secret gift certificate Sept. 11.

The men bought the steel pole from Home Depot, bolted it to the concrete ceiling and attached the bottom to a plywood stage covered in red felt.

"Honestly, we just wanted to say we had a stripper pole," said James Foster, 20. "We never actually expected girls to dance on it."

When university officials ordered the men to remove the pole, they agreed, but not before building a huge party around it. Signs reading "Pole Dancers Wanted" were posted around campus. They charged \$5 for men and women were let in free.

As punishment, Foster was put on residential probation and had to write a letter of apology. None of the women faced any disciplinary action as there was no public nudity involved.

The men have taken down the pole and converted the stage to a pingpong table.

KNICKERS 101 UK - Those interested in designing underwear for the rest of their lives now have a place to study. De Montfort University offers a major called contour design, the study of knickers and bras. DMU offers the only underwear course in the world, and major underwear makers such as Triumph and Gossard snap up the graduates. The students design lingerie, beachwear, nightwear, corsets and sportswear, as well as learn a language, as many graduates end up over seas. The motto of the business is "fit, comfort and control."



Illustration by Alissa Beck

October 14 - October 28 Calendar

Thursday Oct 14

12:30 Liturgy
7 SOA Watch Event
9 Bowling League

Friday Oct 15

12:20 Liturgy
Tri-College Free Day

Saturday Oct 16

10:30 Women's X-Country
11 Men's X-Country

Sunday Oct 17

Monday Oct 18

9:30 Commuter Breakfast
12:20 Liturgy

Tuesday Oct 19

12:30 Liturgy
5 Yoga Class
9 Co-Ed Volleyball League
9 Open Mic Night

Wednesday Oct 20

Senior Pictures
11 BP Screening
12:20 Liturgy

Thursday Oct 21

Senior Pictures
8 Interview Day
12:30 Liturgy
1 Men's Soccer
3 Women's Soccer
9 Bowling League

Friday Oct 22

Journey Retreat
12:20 Liturgy

Saturday Oct 23

Sunday Oct 24

11 Liturgy
1 Women's Soccer
3 Men's Soccer
7 CSA Meeting

Monday Oct 25

12:20 Liturgy
7:40 Social Work Club Meeting
9 5-on-5 Basketball League

Tuesday Oct 26

12:30 Liturgy
5 Yoga Class
9 Open Mic Night

Wednesday Oct 27

12:20 Liturgy
9 5-on-5 Basketball League
10 Pancake Breakfast

Thursday Oct 28

12:30 Liturgy
7:30 NATS Voice Recital
9 Bowling League

BRIEFS

• Eric LeCompte, the events and outreach coordinator for the School of the Americas Watch, will speak in a free public lecture at TDH today, Thursday Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. The SOA Watch organization was founded in 1990 for the purpose of closing the School of the Americas and to change U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. The school was reported by a U.S. Congressional Task Force to be responsible for the training of El Salvadoran military who massacred six Jesuit priests, their coworker and her teenage daughter. SOA graduates have gone on to kill tens of thousands of Central Americans and oppress millions more.

• Each November, up to 10,000 people meet in Fort Benning, Ga., to demand that the school be closed.

Several local prisoners of conscience, people who have been arrested for entering the army facility in Fort Benning, will speak on their reasons for approaching the training school, transforming prison experiences, and continuing efforts to close the school.

• The College Democrats and the College Republicans will be holding a Student's Presidential Debate on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall. Each party will present a panel of four individuals, including two Clarke students, one faculty or staff member, and one person of the party's choice. They will cover issues from the economy to the war in Iraq. The debate will be moderated by Clarke president Catherine Dunn, BVM.

• A Faculty Art Exhibit will be going on in the Quigley Gallery Oct. 5-Oct. 31. Art will be on display from Carmelle Zserdin, BVM; Douglas Schlesier; Thomas Metcalf; Helen Kerrigan, BVM; Louise Kames, BVM; and Albert Grivetti. The Gallery is open M-F 12-5 p.m. S-S 1-5 p.m.

• Sundown Mountain Ski Resort will be in the SAC Thursday, Oct. 28 from 11-1 to provide information and opportunity to apply for various part-time and full-time seasonal positions.

CLARKE COLLEGE
OCTOBER 28, 2004
Pro-life crosses

Emily Wilentz and Lindsay Cross
Staff Writers
Over 100 white crosses all staked into the perfect rows. A scene from the late movie? No. It was a scene from Clarke College. A cemetery of sorts was erected as part of a demonstration by the College Respect Life group and Dubuque Right Organization. Through this bold demonstration groups brought awareness to students about life month, which is October. For the timing of the demonstration brought some confusion for some students across campus the election less than two weeks away, some demonstration was political. "It's unfortunate that the timing for Respect Life was right before the election, but our group was not to make a political statement," said Campbell, a member of Respect Life. "We have in our group that support both parties; we were stating the facts and remembering those who died a choice."

Clarke debate

Amanda Martin
Editor

The Clarke College Democrats and the College Republicans went head to head on the trial issues on Oct. 19 to a full crowd in Jansen Music Hall.

A panel of four represented each side. The Democrats who participated were sophomore political science and marketing major Nate Mossman, senior psychology major Teena Williams, assistant professor of history Judy Babin, and Dan McMahon, brother of Mike McMahon who is running for state representative in Western Dubuque County. The Republicans were junior CIS major John Thompson, junior kinesiology major John Demme, Clarke Vice President of Business and Finance Gene Kirschbaum, and Iowa State Representative for the 83rd district, Dan BVM. Clarke President Catherine Dunn, BVM, was the moderator.

The Republicans opened by saying that Bush was a receding stock market and the Democrats were by his side for the Global War on Terrorism, and 75 percent of Americans

WHAT'S INSIDE